



Town of Griswold



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Chairman Rojas, Chairman Osten, and Members of the Planning and Development Committee; for the record, my name is Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman of the Town of Griswold, and I am here to testify in support of HB No. 5506. I would like to thank the committee for raising this bill and the opportunity to submit testimony here today.

I am here to talk about the thefts of storm drains that were scattered throughout the town of Griswold during January of this year. The said thefts occurred in residential locations, and occurred during the hours of 12am-4am. The open drains posed a safety hazard for pedestrians and drivers alike. Residents along the affected roads were inconvenienced because the post office drivers had to cancel their routes until the grates could be replaced. It was estimated that more than sixty (60) storm drain grates in total were stolen from residential streets in the towns of Griswold, Lisbon and Plainfield. Thank goodness no one got hurt. If it hadn't been for the quick response of the public works staff, under the supervision of Todd Babbitt, this could have been a tragic case.

The associated expenses for the said thefts for the town of Griswold that include replacement and labor were \$8,043.12.

We need oversight to assure that these incidents don't take place again. I ask that this committee adopt this bill on behalf of municipalities. Require scrap metal processor, junk dealer or junk yard owner or operator to be responsible for acceptance of any said municipal property.

I appreciate this opportunity to testify on behalf of BILL NO.5506. Are there any questions for me in regards to my testimony?

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To Whom It May Concern:

January 21, 2014

Enclosed please find a list of expenses that were associated with the theft of the grates from the catch basins in the Town of Griswold. Included are the new replacement grate costs and labor that was needed to install the replacements that we had. We also included the cost for the 14 that we needed to purchase to replace all that were stolen.

Todd Babbitt

Public Works Director – Town of Griswold

Estimate For Expenses of Stolen Catch Basin Grates

Three events took place January 7, 2014 there were 18 grates stolen from Griswold, on January 10, 2014 there were 6 grates stolen and on January 11, 2014 there were 5 more grates stolen.

29 grates @ \$204.52 each	\$5,931.08
Overtime for January 7, 2014	\$480.96
Overtime for January 10, 2014	\$480.96
Overtime for January 11, 2014	\$450.12
Purchase of 14 used grates @\$50 each	\$700.00

Total:	\$8,043.12
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January 7, 2014

1 employee 4 hr. call in @ \$64.41 hr.	\$257.64
1 employee 4 hr. call in @ \$55.83 hr.	\$223.32
	\$480.96

January 10, 2014

1 employee 4 hr. call in @ \$64.41 hr.	\$257.64
1 employee 4 hr. call in @ 55.83 hr.	\$223.32
	\$480.96

January 11, 2014

1 employee 4 hr. call in @ \$52.57 hr.	\$210.28
1 employee 4 hr. call in @ \$59.96 hr.	\$239.84
	\$450.12

LIST OF BASIN TOPS MISSING

January 7, 2014

- 1 IFO # 14 BMW Drive
- 1 Opposite # 23 BMW Drive
- 1 IFO # 116 Russell Street
- 1 IFO # 33 Parker Avenue
- 2 Quiet Cove – 1 on each side of road
- 2 Kenwood Estates at the Int. of Rooke Point
- 1 Geer Road and 201
- 1 IFO # 33 Walter Drive
- 2 IFO # 63 Jennifer lane – one each side of road
- 1 IFO # 59 Jennifer Lane
- 3 Opposite side of Walter Drive – no houses in this area
- 2 # 7 Sunset View - ! each side of road

January 10, 2014 Case # 1400019184

- 2 Mohegan Drive # 44 – 1 each side of road
- 2 Pachaug River Drive # 31 – 1 each side of road
- 2 Pachaug River Drive # 52 – 1 each side of road

January 11, 2014

- 2 Mohegan Drive # 44 1 each side of road
- 2 Pachaug River Drive # 61 – 1 each side of road
- 1 Geer Road INT of 201

